

# THE SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD STANDS READY

The South Dakota National Guard continues to support the Global War on Terrorism, respond to emergency and disaster relief and provide for homeland defense. In 2007, our National Guard activated about 700 Soldiers and Airmen in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. Our Soldiers and Airmen continue to support the Southwest Border Patrol under Operation Jump Start.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks on America, the South Dakota National Guard has mobilized more than 3,100 Soldiers and 700 Airmen in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Each of the 30 National Guard communities has experienced a unit mobilization. Soldiers and Airmen from three units returned from the Middle East in 2007:

- 114th Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls
- 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Rapid City and Sioux Falls
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 147th Field Artillery Brigade, Sioux Falls

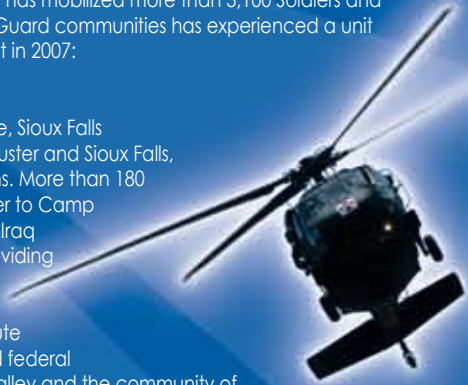
About 130 Soldiers from the 235th Military Police Company, Rapid City, Custer and Sioux Falls, are currently serving in Afghanistan conducting various security related missions. More than 180 Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery traveled in October to Camp Shelby, Miss., to conduct training in preparation for a one-year deployment to Iraq where the unit will conduct a security force mission with the primary task of providing convoy security.

South Dakota's National Guard Joint Force Headquarters maintains a Joint Operation Center (JOC) that is trained, equipped and postured to execute assigned homeland defense operations. This center supported local, state and federal agencies during the emergency response to the flooding in the James River Valley and the community of Hermosa by coordinating National Guard support with personnel and equipment. The JOC was also instrumental in coordinating the National Guard's support to various emergency management agencies during numerous forest fires throughout the Black Hills and to the South Dakota Highway Patrol during the Sturgis Rally.

The Army National Guard hosted its 23rd annual Joint Thunder Exercise held in the Northern Black Hills. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for National Guard, Reserve and active duty forces and included military personnel from Canada and Singapore. More than 4,200 military personnel, from 88 units, covering 34 states, participated in the exercise that was centered in training combat support units to include medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military police, engineer and quartermaster units.

The South Dakota National Guard contributed significantly to the overall mission of global stability and promotion of democracy in its establishment of a partnership with the South American country of Suriname. The State Partnership Program is a grassroots Department of Defense program that focuses on building relationships through mutual exchanges of ideas and face-to-face interaction between civilian and military organizations from a state or territory

within the U.S. and a foreign country. The partnership focuses on bringing South Dakota leaders and pioneering individuals from business, education, tourism, state and local government, our Native American communities, the National Guard and others to develop long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with Suriname counterparts or interested individuals and organizations.



# CITIZENS IN TIMES OF PEACE, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN IN TIMES OF NEED

The South Dakota National Guard is proud of its 145-year heritage of serving as the state's militia. Since its origin in 1862, our National Guard units served in combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis, Operation Noble Eagle and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. Over the years, natural disasters have called forth the spirit of teamwork and sacrifice again and again.

Today, the proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the nearly 4,400 men and women of the South Dakota National Guard. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend their nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



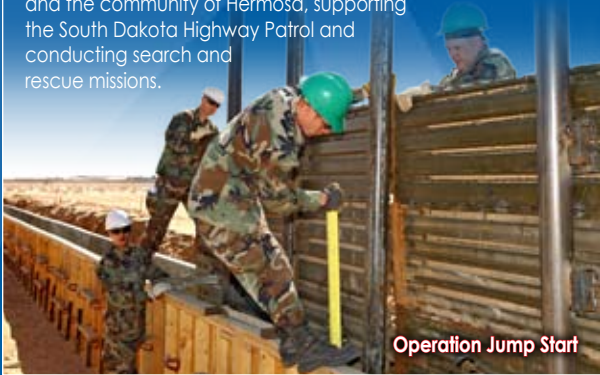
Hermosa Flood Relief

# QUICK FACTS

The National Guard is the only component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies.

The South Dakota National Guard is one of the largest employers in the state with more than 980 full-time employees, along with 3,390 traditional Guard members who train on a part-time basis while pursuing a career or civilian education.

The SDNG expended 963 workdays last year in support of state missions such as fighting fires, responding to the destruction left by the flooding in the James River Valley and the community of Hermosa, supporting the South Dakota Highway Patrol and conducting search and rescue missions.



Operation Jump Start



# JOIN THE NATIONAL GUARD!

You can learn valuable job skills, earn good pay and thousands of dollars for college, and serve your state and nation right in your own community. To learn more about opportunities in the South Dakota National Guard, call:

Army National Guard: 1-800-GO-Guard

Air National Guard: 1-800-432-0182

or visit the following South Dakota National Guard websites:

<http://sdguard.ngb.army.mil>

[www.sdguard.com](http://www.sdguard.com)

[www.sdsiou.ang.af.mil](http://www.sdsiou.ang.af.mil)

# ECONOMIC IMPACT 2007



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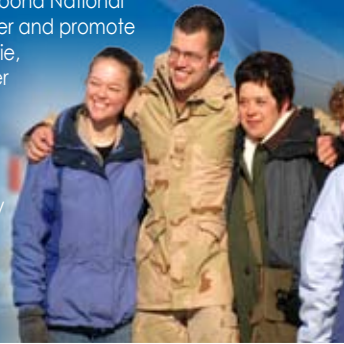


FAMILY SUPPORT

The success of the South Dakota National Guard relies on its military members and the families that support them.

The SDNG values the support and contributions of our families across the state. Family programs not only benefit service members and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness.

The SDNG's Family Readiness Program provides support by helping to bond National Guard families together and promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in better understanding the mission of the SDNG and keeping families informed about activities sponsored by the Family Readiness Program and of the common rewards of military life.



THE ROLE OF THE ESGR

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) programs and services help educate employers about the important role the National Guard and Reserve play in a strong national defense. Currently, about half of the nation's total available military manpower is comprised of the Reserve component.

ESGR was founded in 1972 with the mission to build and strengthen the partnerships essential to ensure that Reserve component members are available and ready when needed. ESGR, along with top military leaders, develops solutions to problems that arise because of employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

More than 3,400 volunteer businesses, civic, academic and military leaders serve on ESGR committees in every state, the District of Colombia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and in Europe. These volunteers liaison with local companies, chambers of commerce, associations and civic groups to promote support for the National Guard and Reserve.



Sioux Falls Boss Lift

SOUTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

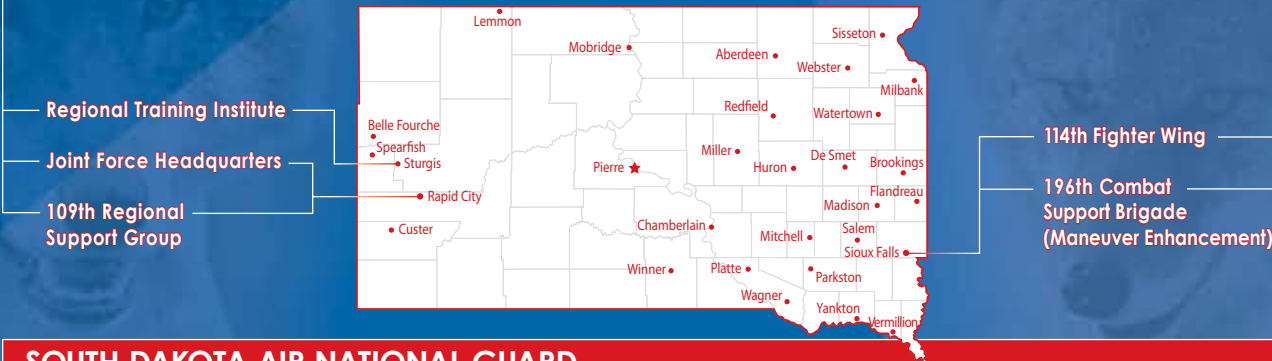
The South Dakota Army National Guard went through significant force structure changes last year in support of the Army's Transformation, a national strategy to redesign units within the National Guard to meet the future needs of the active component. The National Guard's former role was to provide a strategic reserve to the active component. Today, it is an operational force directly integrated into active component deployments and missions. Legacy units like the 109th Engineer Group and the 147th Field Arillery Brigade were deactivated and replaced with the new force structure designed to meet the needs of the future force here at home in times of emergencies and natural disasters as well as overseas supporting combat and support operations.

The 109th Regional Support Group (RSG), Rapid City, provides command and control structure for combat operations and assists active duty and Reserve component units in meeting training, readiness and deployment requirements. The group commands the 152nd Combat Service and Support Battalion in Pierre, the 881st Troop Command in Sturgis, the 82nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), Medical Command and Training Site Command all in Rapid City. In its entirety, the 109th RSG is comprised of 18 separate units located in nine South Dakota communities across the state with about 900 Soldiers filling its ranks.

Sioux Falls is home to the 196th Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) (CSB (ME)) that conducts and supports combat operations and assists units in meeting training, readiness and deployment requirements. The brigade commands the 139th Brigade Support Battalion in Brookings, 147th Field Artillery in Watertown and the 153rd Engineer Battalion in Huron. This command is comprised of more than 2,050 Soldiers that make up 16 separate units located in 27 communities across the state. The brigade currently has about 130 Soldiers from the 235th Military Police Company, Rapid City, Custer and Sioux Falls, currently serving in Afghanistan conducting various security missions. Also preparing for deployment at Camp Shelby, Miss., the 196th CSB (ME) has about 185 Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery training in preparation for deployment to Iraq where the unit will conduct a security force mission with the primary task of providing convoy security.

The 196th Regional Training Institute (RTI) is headquartered at Fort Meade and provides a variety of military schools that range from senior leadership courses and the Officer Candidate School, to individual combative and life-saving skills for National Guard, Reserve and active duty Soldiers. The 196th RTI operates a branch in Sioux Falls that hosts a variety of noncommissioned officer development courses, the Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program and other courses also hosted by the Fort Meade based unit.

COMMUNITIES AND MAJOR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS



SOUTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The South Dakota Air National Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has more than 1,000 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing. The mission of the Air National Guard is to provide combat capability to the war fight, security for the homeland and provide combat ready units in three roles: federal, state and community.

The four groups that make up the 114th Fighter Wing include the 114th Maintenance Group, 114th Operations Group, 114th Mission Support Group and the 114th Medical Group.

The Air National Guard offers a broad range of job skills including aircraft mechanics, logistics, fueling, firefighting, security forces, civil engineering, medical services, communications, vehicle maintenance and aircraft pilot training.

More than 350 members of the 114th Fighter Wing returned from combat duty in Iraq in January after successfully supporting the United States Air Force's Air Expeditionary Force rotation plan from Balad Air Base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout last year, Airmen from the 114th Fighter Wing supported the Southwest Border Patrol along the U.S. – Mexico border under Operation Jump Start by providing engineer, administrative and medical support.

IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY	STATE & FEDERAL
Aberdeen	\$2,729,196
Belle Fourche	\$276,978
Brookings	\$2,966,744
Chamberlain	\$594,485
Custer	\$246,776
De Smet	\$215,425
Flandreau	\$331,279
Huron	\$2,067,389
Lemmon	\$291,002
Madison	\$919,399
Millbank	\$1,023,706
Miller	\$313,670
Mitchell	\$6,040,737
Mobridge	\$658,628
Parkston	\$609,543
Pierre	\$2,058,997
Platte	\$413,303
Rapid City	\$49,226,878
Redfield	\$483,067
Salem	\$929,912
Sioux Falls	\$79,057,490
Sisseton	\$426,758
Spearfish	\$1,342,069
Sturgis	\$5,183,141
Vermillion	\$1,074,472
Wagner	\$539,086
Watertown	\$2,189,216
Webster	\$1,021,310
Winner	\$376,504
Yankton	\$1,811,655
TOTAL SDNG EXPENDITURES	\$165,418,814
FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	
State Contributions	\$1,311,629
Federal Contributions	\$4,301,066

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$165.4 million

